

SAFETY ALERT 11-011



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ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION AND POST ON BULLETIN BOARDS

On 19 June 2011, at approximately 1947 hours, a service member (SM) came into contact with an electrical power line while working on top of a guard tower resulting in an electrical shock. The SM then fell approximately 39 feet from the rooftop of the tower to the ground. The SM sustained severe electrical burns and injuries to the back, chest, right hip, legs and arms.

It was not just one oversight that caused this incident. A series of small oversights compiled to create a catastrophic incident.

This incident was totally preventable if the SM complied with basic safety rules.

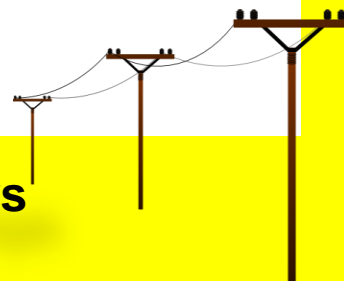
- ❖ Practice the buddy system, always work in pairs.
- ❖ Use Lock Out-Tag Out whenever working around electricity.
- ❖ Use fall protection and the proper personal protective gear.
- ❖ Maintain situational awareness.
- ❖ Supervision.

Mission First Safety Always
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